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SUBJECT: CSCE: CONFIDENCE- BUILDING MEASURES

HELSINKI FOR USDEL MPT

REF: A) STATE 60887 (NOTAL); B) USNATO 1415

SUMMARY. ONLY MAJOR QUESTION WHICH WAS RAISED DURING POLADS
APRIL 3 REVIEW OF IS PAPER ON CONFIDENCE- BUILDING MEASURES
WAS FRG EFFORT TO ADD MATERIAL CLARIFYING IN DETAIL DIFFERENCES
BETWEEN CBM' S IN CSCE CONTEXT AND MBFR CONSTRAINTS. WE BELIEVE
THAT FRG PROPOSAL SHOULD BE RESISTED. OTHER CHANGES PROPOSED
DO NOT RAISE POINTS OF SUBSTANCE. OTHERWISE, IS PAPER IS
GENERALLY ACCEPTED (WITH FRENCH RESERVE, HOWEVER). ACTION
REQUESTED: UNLESS OTHERWISE INSTRUCTED, WE WILL RESIST
GERMAN CHANGES AND ACCEPT OTHERS. END SUMMARY.

1. PER REFTTEL, US REP ADVISED THAT WE COULD ACCEPT IS
DRAFT WITHOUT CHANGE. FRG REP SUGGESTED THAT FIFTH OF
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GENERAL CRITERIA LISTED IN PARA 4 SHOULD BE EXPANDED TO MAKE
DIFFERENCE BETWEEN CBM' S AND MBFR CONSTRAINTS AS CLEAR AS

POSSIBLE. PAPER SUBSEQUENTLY CIRCULATED BY FRG DELEGATION SUGGEST POINTING OUT THAT CBM' S AND CONSTRAINTS DIFFER IN TERMS OF: 1) " VOLUNTARY NATURE OF CBM' S" AS OPPOSED TO " OBLIGATORY NATURE" OF CONSTRAINTS; 2) FACT THAT ONLY CONSTRAINTS SHOULD BE VERIFIED; 3) " POLITICAL OBJECTIVES," (CBM' S SEEK INCREASE IN CONFIDENCE WHILE CONSTRAINTS DESIGNED SUPPORT MBFR AGREEMENT); AND 4) " NOTIFICATION PROCEDURE," WHICH BASED ON ANNUAL LISTS IN CASE OF CBM' S BUT WOULD BE ON CASE- TO- CASE BASIS FOR CONSTRAINTS. US REP OBSERVED THAT IS DRAFT MADE DISTINCTION BETWEEN CBM' S AND CONSTRAINTS SUFFICIENTLY CLEAR AND THAT ADDITIONAL EXPLANATIONS PROPOSED BY FRG DID NOT APPEAR TO BE NEEDED. FRG REP SUGGESTED THAT HIS PROPOSALS COULD BE INCLUDED IN FOOTNOTE TO FIFTH TICK IN PARA 4. (COMMENT: WE DO NOT BELIEVE THAT ADDITON OF LANGUAGE PROPOSED BY FRG WOULD BE USEFUL, AND IT IS DOUBTFUL THAT FRG PROPOSAL COULD OBTAIN CONSENSUS IN ANY EVENT. SEVERAL OF DISTINCTIONS BETWEEN CBM' S AND CONSTRAINTS SUGGESTED BY FRG ARE BY NO MEANS GENERALLY ACCEPTED AND WOULD PROBABLY LEAD TO LENGTHY, AND UNNECESSARY, DISCUSSION IN COMMITTEE. WE UNDERSTAND THAT IN REVISED VERSION OF IS DRAFT, FRG POINTS WILL BE IN BRACKETED FOOTNOTE WITH LEAD- IN " IT WAS ALSO POINTED OUT THAT CBM' S IN CSCE CONTEXT AND MBFR CONSTRAINTS DIFFER IN IMPORTANT RESPECTS, SUCH AS:" END COMMENT.)

2. OTHER CHANGES PROPOSED IN PAPER WERE AS FOLLOWS:

PARA 6, FIRST SENTENCE - UK REP PROPOSED THAT WORDS " A RECENT" REPLACE WORDS " THE PREVIOUS".

PARA 6, THIRD SENTENCE - AT UK SUGGESTION FINAL CLAUSE OF SENTENCE NOW READS " THEY NEED NOT BE TOO COMPREHENSIVE AND MIGHT CONTAIN THE SOR OF DETAIL REFERRED TO IN PARA 9 BELOW."

PARA 10, SECOND SENTENCE - UK REP ASKED THAT WORDS " SUCH AS THOSE FOR INSTANCE RELATING TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF MBFR AGREEMENTS" BE DROPPED.

3. AT CLOSE OF MEETING, UK REP SAID HE PLANNED CIRCULATE
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ILLUSTRATIVE LIST OF MANEUVERS, WHICH WILL BE TRANSMITTED
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